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1. WE DISCUSSED POSSIBLE EFFECT OF RECENT POLITICAL

EVENTS IN INDIA ON UK AID POLICY WITH IAN BUIST (HEAD OF SOUTH ASIA DESK, MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT) AND ROY DEAN (INDIA ECONOMIC OFFICE), FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE. BOTH CONFIRMED THAT AT PRESENT NEW POLITICAL SITUATION IS NOT IN ANY WAY AFFECTING UK AID POLICY TOWARD INDIA. THEY ADDED WARNING, HOWEVER, THAT SHOULD THE LABOUR PARTY SHOW GREATER CONCERN OVER SITUATION THIS POSITION COULD POSSIBLY CHANGE.

2. THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LABOUR PARTY, AT ITS LAST MONTHLY MEETING LATE IN JULY, ADOPTED A RESOLUTION URGING MRS. GANDHI TO RESTORE DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS AND RELEASE PRISONERS. A SIMILAR RESOLUTION MAY VERY WELL BE DEBATED AT THE LABOUR PARTY'S ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 3. PARTY SOURCES DO NOT, HOWEVER, EXPECT CONFERENCE TO TAKE A STAND ON UK AID TO INDIA.

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